

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

Wells State Forest

Programs At a Glance

Program Descriptions

SUNDAY

- 9 am—10:30 am: Trails Less Traveled
- 12-1:15 pm: Stone Walls Speak to US
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm Carpenter’s Rock Hike

TUESDAY

- 1-2:30 pm: Nature Center Open House
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm Carpenter’s Rock Hike
- 5-6 pm Beaver Lodge Walk

FRIDAY

- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. “Soup of the Day” activity — Interpreter’s special.
- 1-2:30 pm: Nature Center Open House
- 3-4 pm Creature Feature
- 5:30-6:30 pm Beaver Lodge Walk

SATURDAY

- 1:30-2 pm: Before all of This ...
- 3-4 pm: Explorer’s Hour / Mucking About, Alternating Weeks.
- 5:30-6:45 p.m. Nature Center Open House.
- 8-9 pm: Welcome Campfire (Even Weeks) or Night Hike (Odd Weeks)



THE TRAILS LESS TRAVELED

A rotating series, these are hikers’ hikes of 2 miles or more. An early activity for campers checking out after the weekend. Perhaps pack up and park in the main lot. *Best for ages 10 and up.*

CARPENTER’S ROCK HIKE

Hike to Carpenter’s Rock with us. The view from the top is well worth the climb. Along the way we’ll look for clues of the effects of humans and nature on the trail and discover how Wells State Park looks today compared to 200 years ago.

Meet at the nature center. Appropriate for ages 8 and above. About 1.5 miles over moderate terrain.

BEAVER LODGE WALK

With some luck and exploration we will view beavers swimming in their natural setting and see their lodges. Bonus sightings include herons and other waterfowl. And learn about their watery lifestyle.

Meet at the Nature Center. Terrain is generally level. Please wear sturdy walking shoes. Consider water and insect repellent for this activity. Rain beyond a drizzle cancels.

CREATURE FEATURE

Join us for a kids’ nature event. We’ll participate in an activity or observation, read a storybook, perhaps create a craft.

Table activity; meet at the Nature Center. Topics can vary; see weekly postings.

MUCKING ABOUT

Come take a peek under the surface of our creeks and ponds! Explore the bugs, tadpoles, newts and other creatures that live here. We’ll use nets and buckets to catch (and release!) some cool critters. Stay for five minutes or the whole hour.

Meet at the Nature Center. Recommended for ages 6 and above.

NATURE CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Stop by the Interpretive Center to learn more about Wells State Park and the plants, animals, and birds that live here. Check out our wildlife display and learn a little (or a lot!) about our local history. Games, books, and activities are available for the kids. Stay for five minutes or the whole hour. Appropriate for all ages.

BEFORE ALL OF THIS ...

... came the crashing of continents, lava flows and great icy glaciers, later native inhabitants and construction of our park. A deep dig into the history of our park, through a short walk-and-talk. All ages. *Meet at the Pavilion - rain or shine.*

NIGHT HIKE

Let’s explore Wells State Park at night! See how much of your sight is limited, and how your other senses kick in! With luck we’ll get to see or hear some animals coming out for the evening.

Meet at the pavilion. Appropriate for ages 8 and above. About two miles over moderate terrain.

WELCOME CAMPFIRE

Join us for our welcome campfire! Meet some of your fellow campers, enjoy legends, songs, or tell a favorite story. Feel free to bring your own acoustic instruments or marshmallows!

Meet at the firepit next to the nature center. Appropriate for all ages.

EXPLORER’S HOUR

Join us at the beach for a hands-on, interactive discovery program! Explore some of the many experiences and activities Wells has to offer, using objects that relate to the park’s ecosystems. This program is fun for the whole family!

If it’s raining, meet at the Nature Center.

STONE WALLS SPEAK TO US

They may look still and a little grim, but old stone walls whisper clues about how people worked and transformed the resources nature provided to build a rural New England way of life.

Meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise posted. Appropriate for ages 6 and up. Rain cancels. Approximately one mile with modest terrain changes. *Rainy-day version of this event is a talk at the Pavilion.*

Programs are free and open to the public. A parking fee may apply. No reservations required. **An adult must accompany all children under the age of 15.** Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. Please dress for the outdoors, with sturdy footwear, and bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

Programs are subject to cancellation based on staff availability and weather conditions.

- Wheelchair accessible
- Designed for kids
- Fun for the whole family
- Hiking



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